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In response to the Office action of August 3, 2004, applicant amends the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 7, 10, 12, 13, and 14.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of [automatically] determining the distance between a <u>portable wireless communication</u> [first RF equipped] device and [a second RF equipped device comprising] an RF equipped POS device based on <u>propagation delay between an RF signal and an acoustic signal that are emitted</u> from the portable wireless communication device and received by the RF equipped POS device, the method comprising:

establishing <u>an RF</u> [a radio][said first RF equipped device and said second RF equipped device] <u>link between the portable wireless communication device and the RF</u> equipped POS device;

in the portable wireless communication [said first RF equipped device] device: